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Question#	Type of Question	Question	Answer	POC
169	Engineering	Section 2.5.4.1 of the PWS states: "IES will have the capability to simulate actual movement......." Does this statement require IGC Task Area I Spiral III to develop a modeling and simulation tool or to interface to existing simulation capabilities such as JFAST, AMP, and BCS3?	Yes. Essentially, we want IES to be a "shadow system" that can produce the same results as the real production GTN front-end system when given simulated data to support an exercise. This will be a Spiral 3 Task Area 1 task. Today, in GTN this is done with a completely separate set of hardware. Essentially a mirror image of GTN. The ESP should propose a solution that saisfies IES capabilities and provides best value to the government. IGC IES must, at a minimun, provide the level of capabilities that allows for the sunset of GES.	Brian Dudek
170	Engineering	Section 2.5.2.3 specifies the warehouse of JOOPES-H data in the high side Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW). Does this create a requirement for change data capture of the JOPES data in order to store a historical view of deployment plans?	The Requirements Phase of the IGC Systems Engineering Process will decompose and identify derived requirements based on the ESP proposed technical solution.	Brian Dudek
171	Engineering	On line 232 to 233, the PWS states the CA Harvest will be used for software Configuration Management. Is that tool to be used for all configuration management? ClearCase is used for GTN Software Configuration Management. Is the plan to eliminate the use of ClearCase in preference to CA Harvest?	The PWS (lines 232 to 233) identifies CA Harvest as the software configuration management tool and Rational for change management and requirements for the Data Broker of of IDE. The PWS does not preclude the use of ClearCase or any other CM tool. See section 2.3.5 Configuration Management of the PWS for clarification CM for IGC.	Brian Dudek
172	Engineering	Table 2.5-9 lists the unclassified Top Priority Queries. Query #26 Ship Schedule (Helm Report) requires the IC3 data feed which is only specified in the PWS as a classified (high side) feed. Please clarify Table 2.5-9	The current ship schedule does not have IC3 data. It used to but went away when MSC considered that classified. So, we won't include IC3.	Brian Dudek
173	Engineering	Section 2.6.8.2 describes the use of a product called "Digital Data Link". Please provide the vendor for this product.	We will delete this reference from the PWS.	Brian Dudek

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174	Acquisition	In anticipation for a requirement to deliver a past performance section/volume for the IGC RFQ, we request answers to the following questions. If a past performance section is not required please disregard these questions. **Question #1:** What will be the minimum or maximum number of past performance citations required by the Contractor? **Question #2:** Does the Government intend to require written permission (i.e. Questionaire) from the targeted program POCs (i.e. Program Manager, Contracting Officer, etc.) in order to use their program as a citation? If so, what is the anticipated timeframe the Government will give the Contractors to receive and send the written permission documentation?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
175	Acquisition	At the Industry Day #2 you indicated that you would not be sending out a draft RFQ/RFP. Since we anticipate that the RFQ/RFP response time will be relatively short, will you consider publishing draft sections L & M so that the bidders can begin to prepare/structure proposals to better meet the submission date?	We don't have time in our schedule for that, but we will give 45 days for you to respond and we will not release the RFQ until after the holidays (so, when you have questions, people will be available and not on vacation).	Brian Dudek
176	Acquisition	In the past DLA has required teaming arrangements with small businesses and subsequent to the award to the prime contract, DLA has contracted with those small businesses as having teaming arrangements. Under this solicitation, does DLA intend to contract directly with these small businesses and if so, what are the guidelines?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
177	Acquisition	Does the ESP assume sustainment responsibility for applications developed by FADs or third party developers once those applications reach FOC and are hosted within the IGC environment?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
178	Technical	Access to IGC production data. Is this production source files or actual production data stored in the operational databases in the EDW?	Both.	Brian Dudek
179	Technical	IES will provide the ability to distribute data over existing networks… Does this mean we need a mechanism to send exercise results/data to third party/customer systems?	Outbound delivery mechanisms will be required for exercise participants.	Brian Dudek
180	Technical	Does the comparison of the exercise results before and after the plan has been modified need to be automated or is it done by visual inspection of the saved reports?	Visual inspection of the saved reports.	Brian Dudek

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181	Technical	Does IES need access to all current applications or just the 30 GTN reports defined in the PWS?	The ESP's proposed solution will drive the application access requirement, therefore, the government cannot identify which current applications IES will require access to satisfy IES capabilities as identified in the IGC CPD.	Brian Dudek
182	Technical	Will an exercise user have access to more than one exercise at a time?	Yes. Up to 3 for initial release.	Brian Dudek
183	Technical	What is meant by "…exercise controllers to collect and establish metrics for the system in an automated fashion. The system will display exercise statistics and metrics in user defined formats" Please provide better-defined metrics and statistics.	We cannot find reference to this. It is not in the IGC CPD.	Brian Dudek
184	Technical	For capacity purposes, what is the typical volume of transactions per exercise?	The more extensive GES exercises typically process 175K-225K transactions per exercise.	Brian Dudek
185	Technical	Assumption: We will re-use current operational reference data across all exercises. No capabilities to generate/modify reference data for an exercise.	It would not be prudent to preclude the capability of generating exercise unique reference data.	Brian Dudek
186	Technical	Does creating databases withing the existing teradata system constitute as logically separating the databases?	Yes.	Brian Dudek
187	Technical	Can the source system that participates in exercise handle 6 concurrent exercises?	At this time, no. But, they can all handle 3 (which is the minimum required for initial fielding).	Brian Dudek
188	Technical	At what level is the real and simulated data defined. Is it possible to have different data update the same database row?	The solution has not been engineered, so we are unable to answer this question.	Brian Dudek
189	Acquisition	Reference page 31, section 2.2 Contract Scope, line 876. "The Government intends to award a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) for Task Areas I, II, and III to the selected IGC Enterprise Service Provider (ESP) Teaming Arrangement. A separate BPA for the Task Area IV requirements will be awarded to multiple Front-end Application Developers (FAD), **who are NOT part of the selected IGC ESP Teaming Arrangement**." Is cross teaming between FAD contractors allowed?	No. By design, we do not want teaming arrangements between ESP and FADS.	Brian Dudek
190	Technical	Reference page 61, Section 2.5.2.2.2.3 Business Intelligence, line 1955. "A BI Universe will be created for each source system loaded into the environment." There are various interpretations of the term "BI Universe." Can Government please explain what is meant by a "BI Universe?"	A "BI Universe" refers to a BusinessObjects universe, which is the COTs tools way of providing a semantic layer representing a simplified view of the database for end-user exploitation. It is very important that the ESP have on-staff expertise with our core COTS products.	Brian Dudek

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191	Technical	Reference Page 62, Table 2.5-5 – IGC Source Data Feed Complexity and Size, line 1977 & Reference Page 66, Table 2.5-7 – Spiral 2 Data Feed Complexity/Size, line 2107. In Data Feed tables for both spiral 1 & 2 there are requirements for the interfacing of "Reference Data" but there is no description of what that is. Can the government please define what is meant by "Reference Data"?	"Reference data" represents is any kind of data that is used solely to categorize other data found in the database. In general it refers to look-up data that is related to transactional data. For example, a table containing look-up data for States (e.g. Alabama = AL, New York = NY).	Brian Dudek
192	Acquisition	Reference Page 103-105, IGC Program Products. Will the government release the following IDE Interface Requirements and Design Documents, or any other relevant documentation, they are not currently on the list of documents being released on pages 103-105. These systems are all referred to in section 2.1.1.4.9 IDE Interfaces, of the Draft IGC PWS. TAMMIS, On-line Representations and Certification Interfaces (MDC), Share EBS Bulk Data Interfaces, Share EBS Real-time Data Interfaces, Fuels Transactional and Operational Data Interfaces, Enterprise Operational Accounting System (EOAS)	This information was released via secure web-site in early November at this web address: https://www.dscp.dla.mil/idegtnc/	Brian Dudek
193	Acquisition	Under which PWS Task Area will the ESP be able to charge monitoring activities for items such as Information Assurance, Configuration Management, Contract Data Management, Requirements Management, Risk Management, Quality Assurance, Data Quality, Knowledge Transfer and Training, Knowledge Transfer, Training, Section 508 Compliance Requirements and other area activities when overseeing a FAD doing front-end system development work?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
194	Acquisition	Under which PWS Task Area will the ESP Be able to charge the government for the following sections of 2.3 Management and Integration: Info Assurance, CM, Contract Data Mgt, Reqs Mgt, Risk Mgt, QA, Data Quality, KT&T, KT, Training and Section 508 Compliance Reqs?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek

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195	Acquisition	Can the government please define how the following IGC Core Services are anticipated to be supported over the life-cycle of the contract and under what Draft IGC PWS Task Area(s) would the ESP account for labor in support of these activities: Program and Task Order Mgt, System Engineering and Integration Mgt, Test Mgt, Info Assurance, CM, Contracts Data Mgt, Reqs Mgt, Risk Mgt, QA, Data Quality, KT&T, KT, Training, Section 508 Compliance Reqs, DICC, BICOE, IGC Rapid Dev Team?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
196	Acquisition	Reference page 59, section 2.5.2.1 IGC Spiral Timelines and General Description, line 1910. Can the government please explain why IGC Spirals 1, 2 and 3 are part of Task Area I: IGC Core Services? Why is the requirement for the front-end application development for the replacement system for legacy GTN part of these spirals and not in Task Areas III or IV?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
197	Acquisition	When does the government anticipate releasing the final IGC RFP?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
198	Acquisition	Will the government release Sections L and M of the IGC RFP, even if these sections are still in a draft form?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
199	Acquisition	Will the government release a full draft of the IGC RFP for industry comment prior to the release of the final IGC RFP? If not, why?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
200	Acquisition	Does the government currently have any companies identified that will have an Organizational Conflct of Interest (OCI) that will exclude them from bidding on the IGC program? Can the government please provide a list of all companies that have an OCI issue, and in what task areas these companies are excluded from bidding?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek

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201	Technical	Reference page 7, section 2.1, which states: "IGC will establish common integrated data services to enable development of applications which will provide the Combatant Commands (COCOMs), Services, DOD and other Federal agencies a cohesive solution for the management of supply, distribution, and logistics information with a global perspective." At the second IGC Industry Day, multiple panel members mentioned that the IGC program was bringing together the 'supply side' and 'transportation side' data. These statements cite the inclusion of supply data in IGC, but the PWS does not identify significant sources of supply data; instead the focus seems to be only on transportation data. For example, the separate Asset Visibility system contains more than 40 feeds from the supply systems which are not included in the current IDE Phase 2 to be incorporated into IGC, nor are they included in the PWS. Can the government please explain how and when the supply data will be integrated into the IGC program, and if all supply systems of record will be integrated into IGC over time?	The initial scope of the program has been synchronized with operational priorities of USTRANSCOM and DLA. Task Areas III and IV provide a capability to take in new work.	Brian Dudek
202	Technical	Since the Operational Instance of IDE that is part of the IGC solution (IDE 2.0) does not currently include the 41 supply-side interfaces maintained by the IDE-AV system, how and when will the government migrate those 41 interfaces into the IGC program, since most of these interfaces are not listed in the "Data Sets" listed for each of the three spirals under Task Area I? Under which Task Area will the migration of these interfaces interfaces be accomplished?	The initial scope of the program has been synchronized with operational priorities of USTRANSCOM and DLA. Task Areas III and IV provide a capability to take in new work.	Brian Dudek
203	Technical	The only spirals identified in the PWS relate to replacing GTN and address primarily transportation-side data. Also, at Industry Day, the speakers made it clear that sun-setting GTN was the top priority of IGC. In evaluating bidders, is the government looking for the best (or lowest risk) team/approach for sun-setting GTN of the best team/approach for achieving the longer term objective of merging supply and transportation data?	The government will evaluate proposals based on best value to achieve the requirements outlined in the RFQ against source selection criteria to be published.	Brian Dudek

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204	Technical	Reference page 23, Section 2.1.1.5.1.7 JMS Queue/Web Services Aqualogic, line 616. We understand BEA Acqualogic Java Message Services (JMS) are used for messaging. Are there any other features of BEA Aqualogic suite being used for any other current IGC development or any required for any of the PWS Task Areas?	No.	Brian Dudek
205	Acquisition	Reference page 31, section 2.2 Contract Scope, line 876, "The government intends to award a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) for Task Areas I, II and III to the selected Enterprise Service Provider (ESP) Teaming Arrangement. A separate BPA for Task Area IV requirements will be awarded to multiple Front-end Application Developers (FADs), **who are NOT part of the selected IGC ESP Teaming Arrangement**." Can the government please explain the evaluation process for Task Areas I, II and III (ESP) and Task Area IV (FAD) proposals? Will proposals be evaluated at the same time, by the same evaluation teams? How will the government evaluate and consider ESP proposals that have multiple team members where multiple members of that team might also big on the FAD? How will the evaluation process ensure that prime and sub-contractors are not on winning teams for both ESP and FAD contracts/BPAs?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
206	Acquisition	Reference page 31, section 2.2, Contract Scope, line 876, "The Government intends to award a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) for Task Areas I, II and III to the selected IGC Enterprise Service Provider (ESP) Teaming Arrangement. A separate BPA for the Task Area IV Front-end Developers (FADs), **who are NOT part of the selected ESP Teaming Arrangement.**" What is the estimated value of Task Area IV? What is the anticipated level of effort for the FAD BPA when compared to the ESP BPA?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek

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207	Other	Reference page 72, section 2..5.7 Web Services line 2553. The ESP shall implement Web Services/Query as a web service to promote self-service to authorized users for pulling/having pushed required data sets (refer to paragraph 2.1.1.8.4, DLA Data Discovery Portal)." Should this reference to paragraph 2.1.1.8.4, actually be paragraph 2.1.1.4.8?	Yes.	Brian Dudek
208	Acquisition	At the second Industry Day, the government recommended that cmpanies bid both the ESP and FAD work, but did not elaborate on how proposals would be evaluated, and how issues with cross teaming would be adjudicated as part of the evaluation process. Can the government please explain this process?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
209	Acquisition	Can the government please identify the value of $"x" on slide #13, titled, "When do FADs compete for work?" or please identify when that information will be released? Will it be released prior to, or as part of the final RFP?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
210	Acquisition	Can the government please provide a PowerPoint version of the slides presented at the second Industry Day?	Yes.	Brian Dudek
211	Acquisition	Will the government release evaluation criteria (sections L&M) prior to the relese of the full RFP so industry can best support the needs of the government for the IGC program?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek

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| 212 | Acquisition | Reference page 31, section 2.2, line 876. "The government tends to award a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) for Task Areas I, II and III to the selected IGC Enterprise Service Provider (ESP) Teaming Arrangement. A separate BPA for the Task Area IV requirements will be awarded to multiple Front-end Application Developers (FADs), **who are NOT part of the selected ESP Teaming Arrangement**." Based on the fact that many of the specific front-end application, and development requirements, for each Spiral of Task Area I are very specific to the current activities on the current development contracts for GTN/P3I and IDE, are not he current development contractors not in a position to have a considerable competitive advantage in the upcoming IGC ESP BPA solicitation? In the interest of obtaining maximum competition, will the government be moving the front-end application work detailed in Task Area I to Task Area IV to level the playing field and encourage industry to make the investment to be both the ESP and FAD? Currently there is no work associated with Task Area IV; therefore, based on the current senario, there appears to be a little or no incentive to bid the FAD especially if your company is a current incumbent. | The scope of this contract is based on COTs implementation rather than a custom solution. There are many vendors capable of providing the COTS expertise required to do this. We seek best value implementation to satisfy the requirements described in the PWS. The work done under P3I is quite generic and does not involve integration to shut down GTN; only create the conditions for that (e.g., this) contract. To "level the playing field" we have released all relevant engineering material via our secure web-site, as well as provided this forum, and Industry Days to facilitate the process. Task area I work is as described. | Brian Dudek |
| 213 | Acquisition | When will the government release GTN/P3I and IDE specific documentation listed on pages 103-105 of the Draft IGC PWS to allow review by the industry base to assist them in making decisions as to whether they can compete with current incumbents on a more equal basis? | Was released via secure web-site in early November at this web address: https://www.dscp.dla.mil/idegtnc/ | Brian Dudek |